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CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 22, 2006, **RUBEN ARROYO**, a/k/a "Camel," age 29 of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. ARROYO was sentenced to 420 months (35 years) imprisonment, was fined \$1,000, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

ARROYO had previously pleaded guilty to six counts in a federal superseding indictment, charging conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine; distribution of cocaine; distribution of methamphetamine; and three counts of distribution of crack cocaine. The offenses occurred in Jefferson and Williamson Counties.

This defendant was prosecuted as part of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Illinois State Police, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Carbondale Police Department, and other state and local law enforcement authorities.

In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The defendant was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys George Norwood and Amanda Robertson.